

## CORRESPONDENCE AND POSTAL REPORTS.

## VICTORY.

## GLEANINGS FROM THE WAY SIDE.

"Praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men." In my last communication to the EVANGELIST, I was engaged in a revival in my charge at the Salem church, Carroll, Co., Ind. The interest was good from the beginning and we were not necessitated to preach a week to arouse the people as is usually the case. The weather was cold and stormy, but heat seemed to be generated from the spiritual furnace of God's love. The Brethren caught fire. The conflagration spread over a vast territory until our large church praised inadequate to accommodate the throng that came night after night. We preached day and night except Saturday and Monday. One day while in the midst of our discourse, the church door opened and the school teacher of the district marched in at the head of his school—the whole class, coming to church. This changed our discourse materially. We stopped at once and went to prayer for the school and the teacher. Brethren if we had more teachers like that, we would not fear the Roman power. In a few days we were on the river bank for baptism. Two schools were dismissed and many came to the holy service. The meetings went on. Interest increased. The fire on the altar burned brighter until one day while we were talking, a strong man—an infidel—who had withstood the reasoning of christian people for years, arose with tears running down over his cheeks and said, "I want to join the church. Will you take me?" I said "whosoever will may come." He continued, "I have said many things which I will have to take back. I believe there is a God and a hereafter. I want to be a better man." His wife rejoicing came along. I have held many revivals, but never before saw such deep spiritual feeling among the people. On Sunday afternoon we were again at the river baptizing. The crowd was estimated to be over a thousand people. All gave reverence to the ceremonies. When we got through, or at least when we quit, we found that thirty-six had decided to travel with us. May the Lord bless them and keep them faithful.

The brethren and sisters deserve much credit. To them largely belongs the success of the meeting. They stood by us nobly. Was ready to assist in any way that presented itself. We closed with a communion service, although it was the worst day that I ever saw in Indiana as a blizzard. The house was very nearly full. Thanks to the brethren and friends for their kindness to me through these services. I now enter on my fifth year as pastor of Salem church.

WM. W. SUMMERS.  
North Manchester, Ind.

## ST. JAMES MD. ITEMS—24 ADDITIONS.

LYDIA, MD.—Since our last report we have baptized 23 and received one by relation from G. Bs. 23 additions to St. James and one from Waynesboro baptized during our revival here, but will belong to Waynesboro appointment. We feel to bless the Lord for his mighty power demonstration in the conversion of so many souls at this point. I am also grateful for the co-operation of the membership in the work. No church could possibly receive more promising members than we did at this meeting. I will give the age of each when baptized except one as that one I neglected to interrogate on that point: 14, 22, 49, 50, 24, 17, 35, 17, 39, 22, 20, 42, 40, 41, 15, 14, 17, 20, 20, 22, 19.

The "Gospel alone" doctrine must prevail, our success here has been a marvel to many—at least many have so expressed themselves; but God can work and no one can hinder.

St. James is now the stronghold of the Brethren church in Md. I am now sorry my time with them is so short, but we pray that her future may be bright. I believe my resignation has been a mistake, but I bow the knee unto the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and pray that you may all hold fast your profession and endure hardness as good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I know our revival here will cause the ex-pastors of this charge to rejoice, among whom were Brethren Mc. Faden Bowman and Shaver.

We had the usual opposition here. The Devil, ignorance, superstition and the draw back of rain snow and mud.

We have had the pleasure of receiving into the Brethren church in the congregations under our charge up to date this year 47 members, this number is not so large, but if all had done this I know we would have more Brethren, (excuse the tinge of egotism.)

Our last meeting made new inroads into different families, with promises for the near future.

I beg space to thank the Brethren for the handsome and much appreciated presents received from them and also from those not members.

I tender you all my heartfelt thanks for your oft repeated prayer, "don't leave us." "Trust in God and keep the powder dry." More later. E. H. Smith.

## OUR BLACKHAWK CO., IOWA, LETTER, NO. 1.

WATERLOO, IOWA, Feb. 22nd, 1894.

The church at Waterloo and Enon are not making any loud demonstrations of work, but they are working quietly and peacefully, and possibly in the near future we may be able to do something that will make more of a show.

The services in Waterloo are still held in the Waterloo College Chapel, but we think we can rent the Episcopal church, which has been in disuse for sometime, and hold our services there. It would be much more

pleasant, owing to the fact that it is fitted for church services and would be more quiet than it is in the Chapel.

At the meetings which Bro. Bashor held in town earlier in the winter, we received only two members, but the attendance has been improving since then, and the indications are for building up a large congregation in Waterloo in the near future.

We had no services at either Enon or Waterloo last Sunday, Feb. 18th, because Bro. Bashor is in Dallas Center helping Bro. Flora and wife with their meetings there.

Bro. Bashor talks of holding a revival at Enon early in the spring. We hope he may, and that we shall be re-enforced by a large number of new members. We need new members, as I suppose they do everywhere, because things keep changing constantly. Death takes some, others move away, so of course we must have new ones to take their places that the work may not falter nor fail.

We should all study to be able to take almost any one's place in the church if it be necessary for us to do so; but I know we are very careless in that respect, not thinking that a higher authority may step in and call home some one on whom we have been depending the most, and shall have to take their place, which will be very hard for us to fill. If we had not depended too much on one person—and did a little more ourselves, it would be far easier for us when the burden is once placed on our shoulders.

LIZZIE HILDEBRAND.

## THE STAR NEWS.

MULVANE, KANSAS, Feb. 14th, 1894.

We have been having quite severe weather the last three days; but this morning the sun is shining bright and warm and it is pleasant again.

Since I last wrote we have had sorrow in our home. My grandma, who has lived with us three years, died Feb. 3rd, 1894. We miss her very much. Our home seems empty, sad and lonely. She was born in Switzerland, near the city of Berne. She was converted at the age of sixteen into the Old school Reformed church. She has been a strong believer in the Christian religion. She journeyed from Switzerland to Ohio. There she married Tobias Benfer at the age of twenty-two. They lived in Ohio until their children were nearly all grown. She was the mother of ten children. From Ohio they moved to Iowa and lived there eight years, from Iowa they moved to Sedgwick County, Kansas. On Nov. 14, 1881 her husband died. She lived alone until her health became poor, with us until her death.

She was 81 years, 3 months, and 7 days old. She left nine children to mourn her loss. The funeral was preached at Star school house by Bro. J. W. Beer. Text 2 Kings xx, 1. She was sick over four months and

suffered terribly during the last week of her life. She died sitting in her rocking chair. She could not endure to be in bed; she sat in her chair day and night all winter.

We kindly extend our thanks to neighbors and brethren for kindness to us during her sickness and death.

I haven't attended Sunday-school the past three Sundays on account of sickness but I am told they are getting along nicely. I think our Bible reading and prayer meetings are very interesting. The last time I wrote for the EVANGELIST, I stated that Bro. Beer intended holding a meeting at Winfield in January. It was a misunderstanding of mine. But the last time he was here he told me he intends holding a series of meetings at Winfield in the near future. I hope to attend and that more of our sisters and brothers will be present.

You will find enclosed \$1.00 to send Bro. — the EVANGELIST. He is a poor man and says he would like very much to take the paper but cannot afford it.

ESTELLA FELLERS.

## IN THE MIDST OF A GRAND REVIVAL.

ROANN, IND. Feb. 20.

ELD. S. J. HARRISON.

DEAR BRO.—I have long desired to write you expressing my sympathy in your sore affliction, but have been very busy and deferred for a more convenient season. You have had my prayers. May God bless and spare your child.

I am more than pleased with the present form of the EVANGELIST, am delighted. May your efforts be richly rewarded both by temporal and spiritual blessings.

I was called from Pa. on account of sickness of my wife before the work at New Enterprise was begun. Was there from the 1st of Jan. to the 6th. Had two accessions and a growing interest. Had quite a time with the "grip" soon after coming home. We are all well at present except the baby—he has a severe cold.

We are in the midst of a glorious revival here. The town is being moved concerning the things of God.

Sunday morning we had one of the greatest manifestations of the spirit I ever saw. Surely God is with us. Five young people, three ladies and two gentlemen came and confessed Christ. Last evening the house would not hold the people. Two more confessions last evening. We now have fifteen and the end is not yet. Pray for us. God bless and prosper you in all things for Christ, His glory and human redemption.

Faternally,

L. W. DITCH.

## COMMUNION NOTICE.

The Brethren of St. James will hold communion services on Sunday eve. March 18th, all of Like Faith are invited.

Yours as ever

E. H. SMITH.